

DEPUTIES' MEETING

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Amory, Colonel White, Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Helms, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Kent, Mr. Barnes,

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MR. DULLES:

a. Noted in the press that Howard Petersen had been appointed a Special Assistant to the President to advise him on trade relations. Mr. Amory commented he thought that this was about the same type job held in previous Administrations by Joe Dodge and Clarence Randall.

b. Referred to an item in today's CIB regarding construction of missile base platforms in Cuba and a report that Fidel Castro has said that he would launch rockets at Guantanamo, possibly on 25 July, and stated he did not believe this item had fully covered the situation. He noted that from other sources there is no indication that the Cubans are in fact constructing missile bases; however he did not rule out the possibility that the Soviets might well have furnished the Cubans a mobile V-2 type unit with which they could fire a missile some 200-odd miles, however not necessarily at Guantanamo but into the Atlantic. It was further brought out that even if the Cubans had not yet learned how to fire such a missile, such action could be easily handled by the Soviet technicians now in Cuba. The Director made it clear he did not want CIA to be caught in a trap by playing down our belief that there are no hard missile sites in Cuba and not mentioning the possibility of the use of a mobile unit indicated above.
ACTION: Mr. Sheldon.

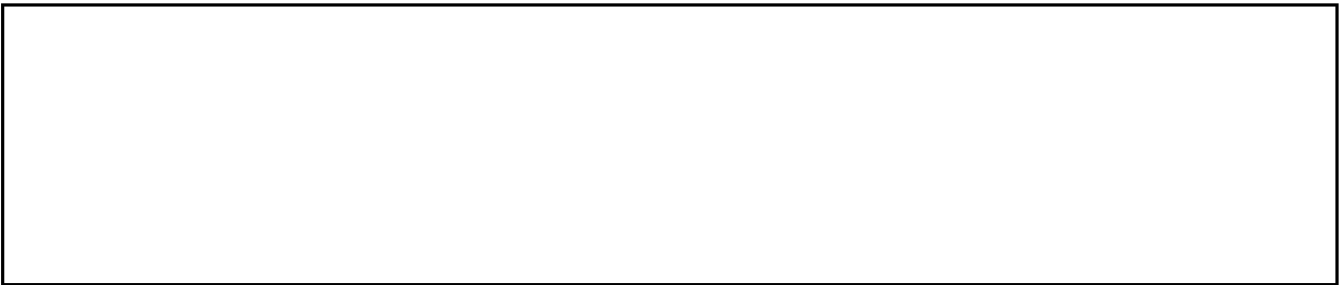
The Director also remarked that the FBI had received a similar type report and had offered to provide a briefing. He said CIA should certainly take advantage of this offer and asked Messrs. Helms and Sheldon to coordinate on setting it up.

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d. Noted a cable [REDACTED] containing information that a Mr. Stanley Ross plans to call on the Attorney General regarding the situation in the Dominican Republic and noted his intention of sending the Attorney General a copy of this message. *Done 7/24/61*

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e. Noted that we soon had to come to a decision as to how and who in the Department of State should be advised of CIA intelligence ops involving political connotations. He said Mr. Alexis Johnson, Deputy Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Department of State, had alluded to this problem and after some discussion the Director noted his intentions of discussing it with Mr. Johnson and obtaining his views as to whether this information should be furnished a group in the Department or provided directly to the individual Ambassadors concerned. Mr. Amory suggested that possibly the Bureau Chiefs in State could be briefed and their views obtained as to how this problem can best be handled, keeping in mind the security of the operations.



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MR. HELMS:

Noted a request from [redacted] for a briefing on the world situation and commented this could cause repercussions if CIA gets into the act ~~of~~ briefing a Chief of State. The Director said he agreed and would not authorize any such briefing without the full concurrence of Ambassador [redacted] - and in fact there is no reason why Ambassador [redacted] should not do the briefing. It was noted that the Ambassador may still be in the U.S. on home leave and Mr. Helms undertook to follow up on this matter.

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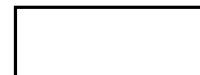
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MR. AMORY:

Noted that he planned to take 10 days leave in Maine beginning on or about 27 July. The Director approved.

MR. BARNES:

Noted that we are having talks with Messrs. Hill and Woodward in State regarding the [redacted] and the Director said he wanted to make it clear that the Agency does not get into the position of undermining the [redacted]



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